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BRAILLE BOOKS

BRAILLE MUSIC

MOON TYPE BOOKS

TALKING BOOK RECORDS

37th Annual Report

1st JANUARY, 1960 – 31st DECEMBER, 1960

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ANNUAL MEETING, 25th MAY, 1961

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The Chairman, Mr. C. E. Espin, welcomed those present and especially the guest speaker, Professor Stanley Shuttleworth, President-elect of the Grahamstown Branch of Rotary International. He referred to the close association between the Library and Rotary. Miss Wood had received an illuminated Token of Esteem from Rotary in 1955 and the Library was grateful to Rotarians in many places for their assistance and particularly to the Grahamstown Branch, which had already done much to make the work of the Library known and was preparing to launch a campaign to assist in the conversion from disc-recorded books to tape-recorded books.

The Reports of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer were received with acclamation. It was pointed out that the Library had ended the year with a deficit of £286.

Professor Shuttleworth began his speech by remarking that someone who is blind really has more need for literature than a sighted person, as his other activities are more limited. He referred with appreciation to the 42 years of service that Miss Wood had given in providing this literature to people of all races in the Union of South Africa, and even beyond its borders.

He went on to explain that although Braille and Moon-type books were greatly appreciated by many blind people, there are a large number who have not the manual dexterity to read by touch. For them the disc-recordings have been a great boon, but these are comparatively clumsy. The Closed Tape Machine (which has been produced by the Royal National Institute for the Blind, London after years of research) has the simplest type of manual control and provides an entire book in a single cassette. The blind person can operate it easily without assistance. The player is expected to cost about R44 and each cassette roughly R18. Four cassettes per reader should be allowed, so therefore a sum of R116 would cover the requirements of each reader.

In order to help the Library in its transfer to tape-recordings, the Grahamstown Branch of Rotary has succeeded in obtaining unanimous support from the 700 Rotarians, representing all Clubs South of Pretoria, when they met at the District Conference in Cape Town in April. Two other districts have also promised to help. On the home front, the Branch has persuaded the Grahamstown City Council to increase its annual grant very substantially.

In conclusion, Professor Shuttleworth pointed out the importance of keeping the cassette service for the blind centralised, so that the widest possible selection of literature should be available from a central national institution and so that the personal contacts between library staff and readers built up over the years could be maintained.

The Chairman thanked Professor Shuttleworth on behalf of all those present for a most interesting and stimulating address.

The meeting closed with a demonstration of the new tape-player.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1960

COUNCIL

Father Pearson, a member of Council, resigned as he was leaving Grahamstown.

Members of Council nominated for the next three years were :—

By the Judges of the Supreme Court:

Mrs. T. Neville.

By the Bishop of Grahamstown :

Adv. D. V. Kannemeyer.

By the Dutch Reformed Church :

Mr. A. M. M. Roussouw.

By the Methodist Church :

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By Rhodes University (2 members):

Dr. F. G. van der Riet and

Professor J. Irving.

By the Mayor :

Mr. C. E. Espin.

By the Chairman :

Miss M. Spurling

By Miss J. E. Wood (2 members):

Mr. P. Whiteley and

Mr. E. B. Conway.

AUDITORS

We are very grateful to our auditors Messrs. A. R. Whiteley and Co. for their efficient services.

MOON AND BRAILLE DEPARTMENT

During the year, 86 volumes were lost or discarded but on December 31st there were 19,146 volumes in stock. Of these 450 were bought and 155 were given.

Worcester School for the Blind gave us 27 volumes in Afrikaans. Most of our Afrikaans books are produced by the S.A. Blind Workers Organisation and sold to us at a nominal cost. They also bind all our hand-done books. We are most grateful to these two institutions.

The number of volumes circulated was 12,649.

Magazines : We get 48 magazines and we get duplicates of the most popular ones. 5,012 magazines were circulated. We supplied old magazines and Reader's Digests to a coloured patient at Dr. Stals' Sanatorium, Westlake, C.P.

Readers : We sent books to 437 readers. There were 49 new readers and 6 readers died.

Braille Reading Competition : According to the "Newsletter" the winners in Johannesburg were :—

Miss J. Brits — first in both English and Afrikaans.

Mrs. Monica Kruger — second in both English and Afrikaans.

Miss A. Alberts — third in English.

Miss A. van Rensburg — third in Afrikaans.

There were also competitions for Coloured and African blind. Someone who helped with the African Competition says "I was staggered at the facility with which they read and of course in a language not their own."

Letters : We have many grateful letters. One reader writes "I wish to express my cordial thanks for all the devoted attention of your staff to my needs during the year. There have been many pleasant and thrilling moments in my hours of darkness due to your library service."

Another says "My gratitude for the wonderful service we've had from the library cannot be adequately expressed. How I'd have coped without your assistance, I just don't know."

Transcribers : We appreciate all the work our transcribers have done in adding books to the library.

Miss Canning — 29 volumes.

Miss Craig — 3 volumes.

Mrs. Gee — 4 volumes.

Mr. Gunn — 24 volumes.
 Mrs. Hall — 5 volumes.
 Mrs. Kuhn — 3 volumes.
 Miss M. I. Masterton—2 pamphlets.
 Miss McCulloch — 2 volumes.
 Miss Newby — 3 volumes.
 Mrs. Shaw — 1 volume.

Among the new books added in English were :—

"Dr. Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak.
 "A Twist of Sand" by G. Jenkins.
 "The Flame Trees of Thika" by Elspeth Huxley.
 "Frontier Doctor" by Sir Henry Holland.

Among Afrikaans books were :—

"Waar ver Winde Waai" by P. J. Schoeman.
 "Saul, die Worstelheld" by D. F. Malherbe.
 "Laat Vrugte" by C. M. van den Heever.
 "Van Eensame Mense" by Elise Muller.

We have had gifts of books from readers Ronald Brookes and Hester Venter and Miss Guard gave us books in memory of her sister Chrissie.

MUSIC RECORDS

As recorded in our last report, there is no demand for short playing records, so we have offered ours to Mr. Marlow for the Athlone School for the Blind and the school will be pleased to have them.

TALKING BOOKS

Readers — 310 readers received records during the year. 14 readers died, 56 others gave up reading and 5 rejoined.

Machines — No new machines were bought but we had gifts from Mrs. Barbour and from the estates of Mrs. J. M. Cark, Mr. W. Thomas and Mrs. Grosse. We bought back 7 machines from readers, we lent 2 and we resold 5. Altogether 32 machines

were issued during the year.

Records in Stock — Of the 26,267 records, 24,126 were English, 2,141 were American, an increase of 940 records over 1959.

Circulation — 98,287 records (or 10.025 volumes) were sent out (an average of 33 volumes per working day) that was 390 more than in the previous year.

Magazines — Reader's Digest, Upper Room and Christian Record Talking Magazine.

Among interesting books added :—

"Teacher" by Helen Keller.
 "To the Polar Sunrise" by W. Westcott Jones.
 "A Pattern of Islands" by Arthur Grimble.
 "Three Singles to Adventure" by Gerald Durrell.

Letters. — Among letters received, one reader writes of "the pleasure the library has given to all of us blind people and I am very grateful to the ladies who send me talking books which are such a boon and wonderful pastime in my lonely life." Another writes "What an absolute godsend the library has been to my husband. We can never thank you enough, you have always chosen the very books he loves". Another reader was thrilled with "The Jungle Man" because he had been with Major Pretorius when he was hunting elephants in the Addo bush, "a most wonderful experience, never to be forgotten". He adds "I should like to express my thanks for all you have done for us."

TALKING BOOK DISCS TO TAPES

While in England, Mrs. Neville visited the Sound Recording Studio of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and gave us a most interesting account of all she saw there. Miss Spurling went to Durban in March and was given an insight into the work of Tape-Aids for the

Blind on open tapes. We plan to follow the Nuffield Library for the Blind and to use cassettes for our books. We have a Tape Player and two cassettes and have ordered the necessary equipment for the initial change over which will take about 5 years.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND BIENNIAL MEETING

This meeting was held in Cape Town in October and Miss Spurling and Mrs. Laurie attended as delegates from the Library. We are very pleased that Miss Spurling was elected to the Executive as the representative of the Eastern Province.

The change from discs to Tapes was discussed. Miss Spurling demonstrated our prototype tape-player. The cost of the change over will probably be in the nature of £27,000 and the S.A. National Council is prepared to help us raise the money. Our delegates had helpful talks with Mr. and Mrs. Kruger of the Braille Transcription Bureau and with Mr. Van Eeden of the Worcester Braille Printing Press. They also visited Worcester, seeing the school, the Printing Press and the Tape Recording Studio and had an interview with the Principal, Dr. P. Biesenbach. In Cape Town the delegates went to a play produced by the Light House Club and much enjoyed it. Only one member of the cast was sighted. They were much interested to meet many of our readers.

VISITORS

Among visitors we were very pleased to welcome Dr. Van Schalkwijk (Chairman of the S.A. National Council for the Blind), Mr. Van Eeden from Worcester, Mrs. Battle from Pretoria, and two of our readers, Miss Aucamp and Brother Nolan. We also had visits from Social Science, U.E.D., S.C.A. Students from Rhodes

and others from the Training College. Children from the 4th form D.S.G. and Standard 2 from V.G.H.S. and from the Practising School, St. Clements.

FUNDS

As we had a deficit of £928 at the end of 1959, efforts have been made to raise funds. On November 22nd, Mrs. Kerr arranged a "Spring Fair" for local societies and the stall for the library raised over £72. The staff served at the stall and they and their friends contributed generously in articles for sale as did many people in the town. Our good friend Mr. Schermbrucker appealed through the Light House Club magazine for contributions and readers and friends sent him £156 17s. Rhodes Rag gave us £150. In Queenstown, boys and girls of the Land Service Club sent a cheque for £105 13s. 9d. It was handed to one of our readers, Mrs. Merriman, on our behalf. The money is to be used for English and Afrikaans books on the natural beauties of South Africa. At the request of one of our readers, Mr. Leslie Green made an appeal over the S.A.B.C. Bovril programme for funds and he sent us £87.

We had several legacies, three from readers.

PUBLICITY

Miss Spurling gave talks to the Sevenfountains W.A.A. and to the Toc H Women's Association and she was interviewed in Women's World in Cape Town. Mrs. Goss spoke to the Mother's Circle. Miss Wood was interviewed in "Radio Mirror". Richard Buncher gave a talk on the library in "This is South Africa" one morning at 6.35.

The S.A. National Council for the Blind are publishing a book on Social Work including 40 biographies of any persons who during the last 50 years have contributed substantially

to the origin or development of any branch of social service. They asked for a biography of the Secretary of the library. Biographies have also been requested for "An Encyclopaedia of Blind Welfare Work" compiled by the National Association for the Blind in Japan.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

We have had grants from the Department of Education, Arts and Science and grants-in-aid from the Provinces, from sixteen Divisional Councils and twenty-four Municipalities. There were eleven street collections. Kimberley headed the list with £113 9s. 3d. Twenty-eight libraries sent us the contents of their boxes. Pietermaritzburg sent £15 1s. 4d., Malmesbury £13 14s. 6d. and Bloemfontein £13. We also had grants from the S.A. National Council for the Blind, from St. Dunstons, from the Rhodes Rag and from several Socie-

ties, including locally "The Women's League of Help". Gifts from schools included those from Johannesburg High School for girls (Barnato Park), Queenstown High School for Girls (Burt House) and locally from V.G. H.S. (Macdonald House), from St. Andrew's Chapel and from the sale of rosettes at St. Andrew's College sports, made by Mrs. Harvey "in memory of Lollie Mullins".

We are very grateful to all those who have helped us so generously, to public bodies and to private donors and for special help from the Standard Bank, the Eastern Province Guardian Loan, Messrs. Beaumont and Rice, Mr. A. H. Wagstaff, Rotary, S.A.B.C., Radio Hams and to the Post Office officials who cope with thousands of letters, books and parcels. We thank the Press and specially "Grocott's Daily Mail" for all they do for us.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS,

from 1st January to 31st December, 1960.

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Allied Building Society (Grahamstown)	5	5	0	Barrow John (Pty.) Ltd.	1	1	0
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Anon	1	1	0	Birkett, Miss		10	0
Anon	3	0	0	Blain, Mr. & Mrs. D. F.	2	0	0
Anon	10	10	0	Blumenfeld, Dr. R. E.	1	1	0
Anon (M)	5	0	0	Bond, Mrs. Beviss I. R.		5	0
Anon (A member of the Garlick family) per Lighthouse Club	100	0	0	Botha, Mr. R.		12	6
Apex Mines Ltd.	2	2	0	Bowie, Mr. C. A.		15	9
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Auld, Mr. and Mrs. S. E.	2	13	1	Brevis, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.	2	2	0
Austin, Mr. J.	10	0		Brunsdon, Miss S. E.	2	0	0
				Bryson, Miss Isabel	1	0	0
				Buxton, Mrs.	10	10	0
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				Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. E. D.	2	2	0
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Auxiliary Methodist				Finzel, Mrs. C.	3	0	0
Church of S.A.	3	0	0	Fisher, the Rt. Rev.			
Cockerton, Mrs. I.	3	3	6	and Mrs. L. N.	2	2	0
Coetzee, Miss R.	1	0	0	Foley, Mr. F. W.	10	0	
Cohen, Mr. S.	5	5	0	Freddie's Ladies' Social			
Commemoration Church				Club	10	0	0
Women's Auxiliary	1	1	0	Freemantle, Mr. E. J.	1	0	0
Coombes, Mrs. L. C.	1	14	6	Freeman, Mrs. D. E.	1	0	6
Cope, Mrs. J. M.	5	0	0	Friedman, Mr. C.	10	10	0
Cosser, Dr. and Mrs. W.	1	1	0	Frylinck, Mev. E.	5	5	6
Creswick, Mrs. M.	2	0	0				
Crowle, Miss R.		10	0				
Cuthbert, W. M. &							
Co. Ltd.	10	10	0				

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De Beers Consolidated				General Mining & Finance			
Mines Ltd.	25	0	0	Corporation Ltd.	10	10	0
Dell, Miss N.	1	1	0	Gilchrist, Misses	1	1	0
Dixon, Mrs. W. G.	5	12	0	Gilson, Miss M. A.	2	0	0
Drury, Mr. T. D.	10	0	0	Gill, Mrs. E. K.	2	2	0
Dunn, Mrs. M. I.	3	3	0	Glickman, Mrs. G.	10	6	
Durban Deep Women's				Glover, Miss E. M.	5	0	0
Work Party	15	0	0	Goldswain, Miss V.	2	0	0
				Goodwin, Mr. H.	6	0	0
				Gordon, Miss N. L.	10	0	
				Gordon, Mr. P.	1	0	6
				Gore-Sellon, Mrs. F. H.	5	0	
				Graham, Mrs. M. D.	2	0	0
				Grant, Mrs. St. John	2	2	0
				Groenewald, Mrs. J. C.	5	0	0
				Grosse, Mrs. and Miss	1	0	0

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Lefebvre, Mrs. M.	1	0	0
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Women, Port Alfred					Committee	150	0	0
Branch	1	1	0		Rhodesian Soc. for			
National Home Reading					Blind and Physically			
Union	3	3	0		Handicapped. (Salisbury			
Nel, Mr. J. D.	2	0	0		Sub. Com.	10	10	0
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New Consolidated					Richardson, Mr.			
Goldfields Ltd.	50	0	0		Irwin B.	5	5	0
Norton, Mrs. J. O.	1	0	0		Richardson Mr. K.	5	0	0
O					Robb, Mr. D.	5	0	0
O'Brien, Mrs. A.	1	0	0		Robertson, Miss M.	1	0	0
Orr John & Co.	5	5	0		Rollo, Mrs. W.	1	0	0
Ossher, Mr. & Mrs. A. M.	3	3	0		Ross, Mr. R. G.	2	2	0
P					Rotary, Club, Boksburg	15	0	0
	£	s.	d.		Rotary Club,			
Patrick, Mrs. M. L.	5	0	0		Grahamstown	10	0	0
Pickard, Miss A. J.	1	1	0		Ruddell, Capt. &			
Piderit, Mrs. D. M.	2	0	6		Mrs. M. G.	2	2	0
Pillans, Mrs. D.	2	2	0		Rust, Miss A. &			
Pillman, Mrs. N.	1	1	0		Mrs. A. Lubbe	10	0	0
Piketberg Circle of W.A.A.	4	0	0		S			
Powrie, Mr. R. D.	1	0	0			£	s.	d.
Prëiss, Mr. F. C.	10	0	0		S.A. Associated			
Pyper, Mrs. A. J.	5	0	0		Newspapers Ltd.	10	0	0
Q					S.A. General Electric			
	£	s.	d.		Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Queenstown Agricultural					Schermbrucker, Mr. &			
Technical Services	105	13	9		Mrs. G. S.	14	6	0
					Seeligsohn, Dr. G. W.	1	0	6
					Seeligsohn, Mrs. S. J. R.	1	10	6
					Sevenfountains W.A.A.	10	0	0
					Shell Co. of S.A.	5	5	0

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	£	s.	d.
Waldorf Ltd.	1	1	0
Walker, The Misses			
A. and M.	1	1	0
Warren, Mrs. T.	2	2	0
Warner, Mrs. A. M.	2	2	0
Watson, Miss M.	3	0	0
Welham, Mrs. E.	2	2	0
White, Mr. B. E. B.	2	2	0
White, Mrs. H.	1	0	0
Whiteley, Mr. P.	50	0	0
Whitney, Miss V.	10	0	
Wilkie, Mrs.	1	0	0
Williams, Mrs. C. H.	2	2	0
Williamson, Mrs. J. C.	1	0	0
Wilson, Mrs. T. N.	10	0	
Wolhuter, Mrs. M. E.	5	0	0
Womens' League of Help	25	0	0
Wood, Mr. M. G.	1	0	0
Wood, Mrs. Henry	2	2	6
Wynne, Messrs. John & Co., Ltd.	2	2	0

Y

	£	s.	d.
Yates, Mrs.	5	0	6

"IN MEMORIAM"

In Affectionate Remembrance of :

	£	s.	d.
Abernethy, Miss C. S.			
Clissold, Miss B.	10	0	
Back, Adv. A. W.			
Cawse, Mr. & Mrs. J. L.	1	0	0
Baumann, Mr. H.			
Jeffs, Lt.-Col. & Mrs.			
W.A.	2	2	6
Bennett, Mr. O. J.			
Lightfoot, Mr. & Mrs.			
W. G. N.	10	6	
Blomfield, Mrs. R.			
Osborn, Mr. & Mrs. J. L.	10	0	
Burrows, H.			
Dock, Adv. & Mrs. G.	10	6	
Crozler-Richards, J.			
Blain, Mrs. M.	1	0	0
Currie, Mrs. F.			
Henry, Mrs. A. T.	10	6	

Eltringham, Mr. W.

White, Mr. & Mrs. F.	1	0	0
Gee, Mr. E. W.			
Gee, Mrs.	10	0	0
Godlonton, Lt. D'Urban			
Godlonton, Mr. M. G.	10	0	0
Grosse, M. A.			
Catlett, Mrs. M.	10	6	
Riddell, Mr. & Mrs.			
C.	10	6	
Gush, Mr. E. W.			
Gush, Mrs. I. N.	1	1	6
Kerr, Mr. Murray			
Albany Club,			
Grahamstown	1	1	0
Barlow, Mr. & Mrs. C. S.	2	2	0
Barlow & Sons, Ltd.	2	2	0
Bryant, Mr. and Mrs.			
P. V.	10	6	
Butler, Mr. & Mrs.			
R. E. T.	1	1	0
Campbell, Mr. &			
Mrs. E. D.	1	1	0
Campbell Pitt, Mr. &			
Mrs.	3	3	0
"Carols by Candlelight"	1	1	0
Cole, Mrs. I. P.	10	6	
Craig, Mr. & Mrs. H. H.	10	0	
Davis, Mr. & Mrs. C. J.	2	2	0
Dock, Adv. & Mrs. G.	10	6	
Douglas, Mr. & Mrs. K.	10	6	
Drimie, Mr. & Mrs. A. A.	2	2	0
Drimie, Mr. & Mrs. A. D.	2	2	0
Drimie, Miss B.	2	2	0
Elston, Mr. & Mrs. N.	10	6	
Engells, Mr. Lyall	1	1	0
Gleaves, T. W. & C. H.	1	1	0
Grahamstown Golf Club	1	1	0
Grahamstown Potteries	1	1	0
Grahamstown Publicity			
Association	2	2	0
Greener, Mr. & Mrs. Ian	10	6	
Hayman, Mr. A. W.	1	1	0
Knowles, Mr. & Mrs. T.	1	1	0
Lombard, Mr. & Mrs.			
C. A.	10	5	
Mackay, Mr. & Mrs.			
S. A.	1	1	0
Moralee, Miss M.	10	0	

Osborn, Mr. & Mrs. J. L.	10	0	Phillips, Granny				
Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. G.	2	2	0	Wilson, Mrs. G.	1	1	0
Price, Miss R.		10	0	Roberts, Mr. Charlton H.			
Pryce Jones, Mr. J. L.	1	1	0	Roberts, Mrs. C. H.	1	0	0
Reed, Mr. G. R.		10	6	Rollo, Prof. W.			
Sacks, Mr. & Mrs. D.		10	6	Dock, Adv. & Mrs. G.		10	6
Seepar, Mrs. D.	2	2	0	Selby, Miss G.			
Shuttleworth, Dr. S. G.	1	1	0	Glazebrook, Mrs.	1	0	0
Simson, Mr. & Mrs.				Selwyn-Browne, Mrs.			
P. N. L.	2	2	0	Lightfoot, Mr. & Mrs.			
S.A. Lighting				W. G. N.		10	6
Association Ltd.	1	1	0	Smith, Commissioner J. Allister			
Tayler, Mr. & Mrs.				Moore, Mrs. C. M.	1	1	0
N. J.	2	2	0	Thompson, Miss Polly			
Walker, Mrs. L.	1	1	0	Varder, Mrs. M. L.		10	6
Waller, Mr. & Mrs. L.	2	2	0	Webster, Mrs. E. A.			
White, Mr. & Mrs. F.	1	1	0	National Home Reading			
Whiteley, A. R.				Union	1	1	0
G. N. H. Clark & Staff	1	1	0				
Williams, Mr. & Mrs.							
Owen	2	2	0				
Moodie, Ian				SCHOOLS			
Dock, Adv. & Mrs. G.	10	6			£	s.	d.
Jones, Miss Winifred	10	0		Burt House, Girls' High			
Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. G.	2	2	0	School, Queenstown	1	1	0
Mullins, Mrs. A. F.				Johannesburg High School			
Corry, Rev. & Mrs. W.	1	1	0	for Girls'	3	3	0
Mullins, Miss L.				Kleinsbroekskool	1	2	0
Harvey, Mrs. J.				St. Andrews' College			
(Sale of rosettes)	15	17	4	Chapel	5	0	0
Osborn, Mr. & Mrs. J. L.	10	0		Victoria Girls' High			
Nock, Mr. E.				School, Grahamstown,			
Henry, Mrs. A. T.	10	6		Macdonald House	10	0	0
Orpen, Mrs. C. I.				PROVINCIAL COUNCILS			
Frost, Mr. & Mrs. M.	1	0	0		£	s.	d.
Little, Mr. & Mrs.				Cape Province	375	0	0
W. H. and Miss E.				O.F.S. (1960)	35	0	0
Little	1	1	3	Transvaal	300	0	0
Orpen, Mrs. M. W.	1	1	0	DIVISIONAL COUNCILS			
Powrie, Noel, Patricia					£	s.	d.
and daughter	1	1	6	Aberdeen	2	2	0
Round Table (No. 1) East				Albany	10	0	0
London	1	1	0	Clanwilliam	5	5	0
Sephton, Mrs. N.	1	1	0	East London	25	0	0
Steer, Mrs. B. A.	10	3		Fraserburg	1	1	0
Vaughan, Mr. K. S.	1	1	6	Hopetown	2	2	0
Whitaker, Miss Enid	10	6		Humansdorp	2	2	0
Wire Industry				Kuruman	10	0	
(W.I.S.P.E.C.O.)	1	1	0				

Laingsburg	1	1	0
Mafeking	5	0	0
Malmesbury	5	0	0
Namakwaland	10	0	0
Port Elizabeth	25	0	0
Prince Albert	1	1	0
Van Rhynsdorp	10	0	0
Victoria West	5	0	0

SPECIAL GRANTS

	£	s.	d.
Department of Education			
Arts and Science	450	0	0
S.A. National Council for the Blind	100	0	0

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND COLLECTING BOXES

	£	s.	d.
Bannerman House	17	13	0
Barberton		5	0
Bedford	1	0	0
Bloemfontein	13	0	0
Boksburg	4	0	0
Clark, Brown & Co.	1	0	0
Ermelo	5	17	0
Grahamstown	3	3	0
Idutywa		12	0
Kimberley	3	10	6
Kingwilliamstown	1	12	6
Kokstad	5	0	0
Ladysmith	13	14	6
Malmesbury	2	0	6
Margate		10	0
Middelburg		6	4
Pietermaritzburg	15	1	4
Port Alfred	1	1	0
Port Elizabeth	2	2	6
Pretoria	5	2	9
Queenstown (Standard Bank)	1	13	0
Rhodes Kaif		15	6
Rondebosch	5	2	0
Simon's Town	3	0	0
Standerton		10	0
Umtata	3	14	3
Wellington		14	0
Witbank Club	1	4	4

MUNICIPALITIES

	£	s.	d.
Beaufort West	2	0	0
Benoni	10	0	0
Brakpan	5	0	0
Cape Town	25	0	0
Carnarvon	5	0	0
East London	10	0	0
Germiston	10	0	0
Grahamstown	25	0	0
Klerksdorp	25	0	0
Mafeking	5	0	0
Malmesbury	10	0	0
Margate	30	0	0
Molteno	1	1	0
Parow	5	0	0
Pietermaritzburg	5	0	0
Port Alfred	2	10	0
Queenstown	3	3	0
Roodepoort-Maraisburg	5	0	0
Springs	10	0	0
Uitenhage	10	0	0
Umtata	10	0	0
Uniondale	5	0	0
Vereeniging	25	0	0
Wellington	5	0	0

STREET COLLECTIONS

	£	s.	d.
Douglas	14	16	1
Fort Beaufort	6	5	3
Grahamstown	35	8	3
Hopefield	7	0	0
Kenhardt	9	15	0
Kimberley	113	9	3
Komgha	2	8	9
Matatiele	12	0	0
Pietersburg	23	15	9
Tsolo	1	17	6
Vryburg	24	14	0

BEQUESTS AND SPECIAL GRANTS

		£	s.	d.
1924	Bannerman Bequest	1,500	0	0
1930	Carnegie Corporation Grant	1,200	0	0
1933	Helen Robertson Bequest ..	10	0	0
	Ellen Wisely Bequest	50	0	0
1936	Carnegie Corporation Grant .	1,000	0	0
1937	Bequest, R. H. Struben, Esq.	250	0	0
1938	Bequest, E. W. Howard, Esq.	250	0	0
	Bequest, H. E. R. Sherry, Esq.	50	0	0
1939	Bequest, Dr. H. E. H. Oakley	250	0	0
	Bequest, Robert Godlonton, Esq. .	500	0	0
1941	Bequest, E. W. Howard, Esq.	50	0	0
1943	Ross Bequest	283	7	4
1945	Bequest, W. Herley, Esq.	10	0	0
1944	Bequest, Miss J. McPherson	25	0	0
1947	Bequest, H. J. King, Esq.	417	18	9
	Bequest, Geo. Game, Esq.	500	0	0
1949	C. F. King, Esq.	250	0	0
1950	C. G. H. Skead, Esq. .	100	0	0
	D. J. Smith, Esq.	100	0	0
	Mrs. J. C. Vernal .	100	0	0
1951	Mrs. J. H. Paddon	100	0	0
1952	S. Thomson, Esq.	200	0	0
1954	Charles Crewe Trust ..	1,000	0	0
	Dr. and Mrs. Moberly .	122	16	0
1955	Miss Mary Gould ..	250	0	0
	Mrs. Frieda Grantham	944	0	10
	Mrs. A. M. Logan ..	213	10	5
	Mrs. Rose-Innes ..	50	0	0
1956	Bequest, F. D. Ainslie, Esq. ..	250	0	0
	Mrs. Charlotte Albert Estate ..	250	0	0
	Bequest, J. C. Rae, Esq.	200	0	0
1957	Bequest, Miss Mabel Bayley	900	15	11
1958	Bequest, Miss Mabel Bayley ..	61	1	4
	Bequest, Miss Millicent Gould	884	7	1
	Bequest, Mrs. M. F. B. Murray	570	1	8
	Bequest, Miss M. Town-Smith	150	0	0
	Bequest, Miss Frances Maud Willmott ..	100	0	0
1959	Bequest, Miss Mabel Bayley	29	7	4
	Bequest, Mr. H. J. Cox	50	0	0
	Bequest, Miss A. P. Jordan .	120	0	0
	Bequest, Mrs. M. F. B. Murray .	46	1	0
1960	Bequest, Miss Mabel Bayley	29	17	7
	Bequest, Mr. O. J. Bennett	100	0	0
	Bequest, Erlen Trust ..	500	0	0
	Bequest, Mrs. A. M. Hayton	50	0	0
	Bequest, Mrs. L. Ruxton ..	5	0	0

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND GRAHAMSTOWN.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
DEVELOPMENT FUND	1,340	0 0	FIXED PROPERTY:		
STAFF SAVINGS FUND	2,022	4 10	As at 31st December, 1959	6,799	0 0
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND:			Less Depreciation at 1% p.a.	69	0 0
As at 31st December, 1959	2,226	8 2			6,730 0 0
Contributions	50	0 0	BOOKS, CASES, TALKING BOOK		
Interest	35	16 1	RECORDS AND SUNDRY EQUIPMENT:		
	2,312	4 3	As at 31st December, 1959	4,332	0 0
Less Withdrawals	195	0 0	Additions	1,349	9 5
	2,117	4 3		5,681	9 5
REPAIRS RESERVE ACCOUNT:	100	0 0	Less Realizations	234	18 2
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:				5,446	11 3
As at 31st December, 1959	19,910	2 5	Depreciation at 30% p.a.	1,296	11 3
Special Donations	684	17 7			4,150 0 0
	20,595	0 0	FURNITURE AND FITTINGS:		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Revenue transferred	286	6 6	As at 31st December, 1959	987	0 0
	20,308	13 6	Less Depreciation at 7½% p.a.	74	0 0
					913 0 0
			GENERAL INVESTMENTS:		
			Paid-Up Shares:		
			United Building Society	1,600	0 0
			Eastern Province Building Society	300	0 0
			South African Permanent Mutual Building & Investment Society	500	0 0
			Fixed Deposits:		
			Eastern Province Building Society	6,100	0 0
					8,500 0 0
			STAFF SAVINGS FUND INVESTMENTS:		
			Eastern Province Building Society:		
			Fixed Deposits	1,200	0 0
			Savings Bank	822	4 10
					2,022 4 10
			STAFF PROVIDENT FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS:		
			Eastern Province Building Society:		
			Fixed Deposits	2,100	0 0
			Grahamstown Building Society:		
			Savings Bank	137	4 3
			Less Applicable to General Account	120	0 0
				17	4 3
					2,117 4 3
			CASH AT CALL ON GENERAL ACCOUNT:		
			Eastern Province Building Society	1,154	2 9
			Eastern Province Guardian Loan and Investment Company	57	18 4
			Cash on Hand	3	0 0
			Cash at Bank	120	12 5
			Add Amount due from Staff Provident Fund Cash and Investments	120	0 0
				240	12 5
					1,455 13 6

We certify that we have examined the Books and Accounts of the South African Library for the Blind in respect of the year ended on the 31st December, 1960, and have satisfied ourselves as to the existence of the securities; proper books and accounts have been kept, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required; in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Library's affairs according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Library as at the 31st December, 1960.

GRAHAMSTOWN, THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 1961.

A. R. WHITELEY & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS: AUDITORS

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1960.

EXPENDITURE				REVENUE			
	1	2	3		4	5	6
To Salaries and Wages		2,971	3	By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections		2,482	3
" Fuel, Heat and Water		10	16	" GRANTS:—			
" Rent, Packing and Cartage		11	17	Department of Education, Arts and			
" Advertising, Paper, Printing & Stationery		128	16	Science			
" Telephone, Postage and Stamps		48	18	1 of 1960		450	0
		13	18				

GRAHAMSTOWN, THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 1961

A. R. WHITELEY & CO.,

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS: AUDITORS

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1960.

EXPENDITURE				REVENUE			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Salaries and Wages				By Donations, Subscriptions and Collections			
.. Light, Heat and Water			2,971 3 8	.. GRANIS:—			2,482 3 6
.. Railage, Packing and Cartage			10 16 2	.. Department of Education, Arts and Science:			
.. Advertising, Paper, Printing & Stationery			41 17 4	For 1960			450 0 0
.. Telephone, Postage and Stamps			125 6 11	Provincial Councils:			
.. Audit and Accountancy Charges			75 18 2	.. Cape	375	0	0
.. Fire Insurance			18 18 0	.. Transvaal	300	0	0
.. Rates			27 6 8	.. Orange Free State	35	0	0
.. Sundry Expenses			10 10 0	Divisional Councils			710 0 0
.. Depreciation:			173 18 9				119 14 0
Fixed Property at 1% p.a.	69	0	0	Municipalities:			248 14 0
Books, Cases, Talking Book Records and Sundry Equipment at 30% p.a.	1,296	11	3	S.A. National Council for the Blind			100 0 0
Furniture and Fittings 7 1/2% p.a.	74	0	0	.. Interest and Dividends			582 8 11
.. Contribution to Staff Provident Fund			1,439 11 3	.. Rents Received			11 0 0
.. Contribution to National Library for the Blind			50 0 0	.. Balance being excess of Expenditure over Revenue transferred to Capital Account			286 6 6
.. Contribution to Worcester School for the Blind			25 0 0				£ 4,990 6 11
			20 0 0				
			£ 4,990 6 11				

JAARVERGADERING 25 MEI 1961.

Die Voorsitter, mnr. C. E. Espin, heet die aanwesiges welkom en verwys in die besonder na die teenwoordigheid van professor Stanley Shuttleworth, die gekose president van die Grahamstad tak van die Rotariërs Internasionaal, wat as spreker optree.

Die voorsitter maak melding van die hegte band wat daar tussen die biblioteek en die Rotariërvereniging bestaan. Mej. Wood het in 1955 'n versierde adres as teken van agting van die Rotariërs ontvang en die biblioteek is dankbaar teenoor hierdie beweging van oral-oor vir hulle hulp en veral teenoor die Grahamstad tak, wat alreeds so baie verrig het om die werk van die biblioteek bekend te maak. Hulle is juis weer besig om 'n veldtog van stapel te stuur om te help met die koste vir die oorskakeling van plaat- na bandopnames.

Die rapporte van die ere-sekretaresse en ere-tesourier is met groot byval ontvang. Dit is aangetoon dat die jaar met 'n tekort van £286 geëindig het.

Professor Shuttleworth het sy toespraak begin deur te sê dat iemand wat blind is leesstof werklik meer nodig het as 'n siende persoon aangesien sy ander aktiwiteite meer beperk is. Hy het met groot waardering verwys na die 42 jaar diens wat mej. Wood gelewer het om hierdie leesstof aan blindes van alle rasse in die Unie van Suid-Afrika, selfs ook buite sy grense, te verskaf.

Hy het voortgegaan om te verduidelik dat alhoewel Braille en Moontipe boeke deur baie blindes in 'n hoë mate waardeur word, daar tog nog 'n groot aantal is wat nie oor die hande behendigheid beskik om by wyse van gevoel te lees nie. Vir diesulkes is die plaatopnames 'n groot seën, maar die hantering van die plate is betreklik lomp. Die geslote bandspeelmasjien, wat na jare van navorsing deur die "Royal National Institute for the Blind". Londen, gelewer is, besit die eenvoudigste tipe van handkontrole en verskaf 'n volledige boek in 'n enkele kasset. 'n Blinde kan dit heel gemaklik sonder hulp self hanteer. Dit word bereken dat die speelmasjien R44 en elke kasset naasteby R18 sal kos. Vier kassette word per leser bereken, dus sal die som van R116 min of meer die behoeftes van elke leser voorsien.

Ten einde die biblioteek behulpsaam te wees in die oorskakeling van plaat- na bandopnames het die Grahamstad tak van die Rotariërs daarin geslaag om die eenparige ondersteuning van die 700 lede verteenwoordigend van al die takke suid van Pretoria te verkry tydens die Distrikskonferensie in April te Kaapstad. Twee ander distrikte het ook onderneem om hulp te verleen. Die Grahamstad tak het die plaaslike stadsraad beweeg om die jaarlikse toelaag aansienlik te verhoog.

Ten slotte het professor Shuttleworth gewys op die belangrikheid daarvan dat die voorsiening van die kassette aan die blindes gesentraliseer moet word, sodat die wydste keuse van leesstof vanaf 'n sentrale nasionale instituut beskikbaar is en ook sodat die persoonlike kontak wat oor die jare tussen die biblioteek personeel en lesers opgebou is, gehandhaaf kan word.

Die voorsitter het professor Shuttleworth namens die gehoor bedank vir 'n mees interessante en stimulerende rede.

Nadat die nuwe bandspeelmasjien gedemonstreer is, het die vergadering verdaag.

VERSLAG VAN DIE SEKRETARESSE 1960.

RAAD

Vader Pearson, 'n raadslid, gaan Grahamstad verlaat en het bedank.

Die volgende raadslede is benoem vir die komende drie jaar:—

Deur Regters van die Hooggeregshof:
Mev. T. Neville.

Deur die Biskop van Grahamstad :
Adv. D. V. Kannemeyer.

Deur die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk :
Mnr. A. M. M. Roussouw.

Deur die Metodiste Kerk :
Mej. M. Emslie.

Deur Rhodes Universiteit (2 lede) :
Dr. F. G. van der Riet en
Professor J. Irving.

Deur die Burgemeester :
Mnr. C. E. Espin.

Deur die Voorsitter :
Mej. M. Spurling.

Deur Mej. J. E. Wood (2 lede) :
Mnr. P. Whiteley en
Mnr. E. B. Conway.

LOUDITEURE

Ons is baie dank verskuldig aan ons ouditeure mnr. A. R. Whiteley en Kie., vir hulle bekwame dienste.

MOON EN BRAILLE AFDELING

Nadat 86 boekdele gedurende die jaar as verlore afgeskryf is, was daar op 31 Desember 19,146 boekdele in voorraad waarvan 450 aangekoop en 155 geskenk is.

Die Worcester Skool vir Blindes het aan ons 27 boekdele in Afrikaans gegee. Die meerderheid van ons Afrikaanse boeke word deur die S.A. Blindewerkersorganisasie gelewer en teen 'n nominale koste aan ons verkoop. Hulle bind ook al ons handgebrailde boeke in.

Ons is aan hierdie twee inrigtings baie dank verskuldig.

Die boekdele versprei het 12,649 beloop.

Tydskrifte. Ons ontvang 48 tydskrifte en kry duplikate van die gewildstes. 5,012 tydskrifte is gesirkuleer. Ons het van die ou tydskrifte en „Reader's Digests" aan 'n Kleurling pasiënt by die Dr. Stals Sanatorium, Westlake, K.P. verskaf.

Lesers. Ons het boeke aan 437 lesers uitgestuur. 49 Nuwe lesers het aangesluit terwyl 6 oorlede is.

Braille - lees Wedstryd. Volgens die Nuusbrief was die winners in Johannesburg die volgende:—

Mej. J. Brits — eerste in beide Engels en Afrikaans.

Mev. Monica Kruger — tweede in beide Engels en Afrikaans.

Mej. A. Alberts — derde in Engels.

Mej. A. van Rensburg — derde in Afrikaans.

Daar is ook wedstryde gereël vir Kleurling- en Bantoe-blindes. 'n Helper met die Bantoe wedstryd het opgemerk: „Ek was verbaas oor die bedrewendheid wat hulle met die lees aan die dag gelê het veral as in ag geneem word dat dit nie hulle eie taal is nie.”

Briewe:— Ons ontvang baie briewe van waardering. 'n Leser skryf: „Ek wens my hartlike dank te betuig teenoor u personeel vir al hulle toegewyde aandag aan my behoeftes gedurende die jaar. U biblioteekdiens het aan my baie aangename en opwindende oomblikke in my ure van donkerte verskaf.”

Nog een sê „My dank vir die wonderlike diens wat ons van die biblioteek ontvang het kan nie genoeg beklemtoon word nie. Ek weet regtig nie hoe ek sonder u diens sou klaargekom het nie.”

Transkribeerders. Ons waardeer al die werk wat ons transkribeerders gedoen het ter byvoeging van boeke tot die biblioteek.

Mej. Canning — 29 boekdele.

Mej. Craig — 3 boekdele.

Mev. Gee — 4 boekdele.

Mnr. Gunn — 24 boekdele.

Mev. Hall — 5 boekdele.

Mev. Kuhn — 3 boekdele.

Mej. M. I. Masterton — 2
pamflette.

Mej. McCulloch — 2 boekdele.

Mej. Newby — 3 boekdele.

Mev. Shaw — 1 boekdeel.

Nuwe Engelse boeke het o.a. die volgende ingesluit:—

„Dr. Zhivago” deur Boris Pasternak.

„A Twist of Sand” deur G. Jenkins.

„The Flame Trees of Thika” deur Elspeth Huxley.

„Frontier Doctor” deur sir Henry Holland.

Afrikaanse Boeke het o.a. die volgende ingesluit:—

„Waar ver Winde Waai” deur P. J. Schoeman.

„Saul, die Worstelheld” deur D. F. Malherbe.

„Laat Vrugte” deur C. M. van den Heever.

„Van Eensame Mense” deur Elise Muller.

Twee lesers, Ronald Brookes en Hester Venter het boeke aan ons geskenk terwyl mej. Guard boeke ter nagedagtenis aan haar suster Chrissie gegee het.

MUSIEKPLATE

Soos aangedui in ons vorige verslag is daar geen aanvraag vir kortspeelplate nie, derhalwe het ons ons plate aan mnr. Marlow van die Athlone Skool vir Blindes aangebied en die skool sal dit met graagte ontvang.

SPREEKBOEKPLATE

Lesers:— 310 Lesers het plate gedurende die jaar ontvang. 14 Lesers is oorlede, 56 het opgehou met lees terwyl 5 heraangesluit het.

Toestelle. Geen nuwe toestelle is aangekoop nie maar ons het toestelle as geskenke ontvang van mev. Barbour en uit die boedels van mev. J. M. Clark, mnr. W. Thomas en mev. Grosse. Ons het 7 toestelle van lesers teruggekoop, 2 uitgeleen en 5 herverkoop. Altesame is 32 toestelle gedurende die jaar uitgereik.

Plate in voorraad.— 24,126 van die 26,267 plate was Engels en 2,141 was Amerikaans, 'n vermeerdering van 940 teenoor 1959.

Verspreiding. — 98,287 Plate (of 10,025 boekdele) is versend ('n gemiddelde van 33 boekdele per werksdag), 'n vermeerdering van 390 teenoor die vorige jaar.

Tydskrifte. — „Reader's Digest”, „Upper Room” en „Christian Record Spreekboektydskrif”.

Interessante byvoegings tot die boeke was die volgende:—

„Teacher” deur Helen Keller.

„To the Polar Sunrise” deur W. Westcott Jones.

„A Pattern of Islands” deur Arthur Grimble.

„Three Singles to Adventure” deur Gerald Durrell.

Briewe.—Uit briewe ontvang word o.a. ontleen: „Die Biblioteek verskaf baie plesier aan al ons blindes en ek wil my hartelike dank uitspreek teenoor die dames wat gemoeid is met die versending van die spreekboekplate wat so 'n seën en wonderlike tydverdryf in my eensame lewe is”.

'n Ander skryf: „Wat 'n volkome uitkoms was die biblioteek nie vir my eggenoot nie. U kies altyd net die boeke waarvan hy hou en ons kan u nooit genoeg daarvoor bedank nie.”

Nog 'n leser was baie ingenome met „The Jungle Man” omdat hy saam met majoor Pretorius was toe hy olifante in die Addo bos gejag het, „'n wonderlike ondervinding wat ek nooit sal vergeet nie”. Hy voeg by: „Ek wil graag my dank betuig vir alles wat u vir ons doen.”

SPREEKBOEKPLATE NA BANDOPNAMES

Terwyl sy in Engeland was het mev. Neville die klankopnameateltjee van die „Royal National Institute for the Blind” besoek en het aan ons 'n baie interessante verslag gegee van alles wat sy daar gesien het. Mej. Spurling het Durban gedurende Maart besoek waar sy 'n goeie begrip gekry het van die funksionering van die „Bandhulp vir Blindes” op oop bande. Ons is voornemens om die Nuffield Biblioteek vir Blindes na te volg en kassette vir ons boeke te gebruik. Ons besit 'n bandspeler en twee kassette en het die nodige uitrusting vir die aanvanklike oorskakeling, wat ongeveer 5 jaar sal duur, bestel.

DIE NASIONALE RAAD VIR BLINDES, TWEEJAARLIKSE VERGADERING

Hierdie vergadering wat gedurende Oktober in Kaapstad gehou was is bygewoon deur mej. Spurling en mev. Laurie as afgevaardigdes van die

biblioteek. Dit is vir ons 'n groot genoeë dat mej. Spurling gekies is om as verteenwoordiger van die Oostelike Provinsie op die Uitvoerende Raad te dien.

Die oorskakeling van spreekboekplate na bandopnames is bespreek. Mej. Spurling het ons prototipe-bandspeler gedemonstreer. Die koste verbonde aan sodanige oorskakeling sal nagenoeg £27,000 beloop en die S.A. Nasionale Raad is bereid om ons behulpsaam te wees met die insameling van die geld. Ons afgevaardigdes het nuttige onderhoude gevoer met mnr. en mev. Kruger van die Braille Transkripsieburo en met mnr. Van Eeden van die Worcesterse drukkerij.

Met hulle besoek aan Worcester het hulle die skool, die drukkerij en die bandopname-ateltjee besigtig en ook 'n onderhoud gevoer met die Skoolhoof, Dr. P. Biesenbach.

In Kaapstad het hulle met groot genot 'n toneelstuk, opgevoer deur die Vuurtoring Klub, bygewoon. Met een uitsondering was al die spelers blindes.

Dit was vir ons afgevaardigdes uiters interessant om so baie van ons lesers te ontmoet.

BESOEKERS

Dit was verblydend om dr. Van Schalkwijk (voorsitter van die S.A. Nasionale Raad vir Blindes) mnr. Van Eeden van Worcester, mev. Battle van Pretoria asook twee van ons lesers, mej. Aucamp en broeder Nolan as besoekers te ontvang. Ons het ook besoek ontvang van studente wat die kursusse Sosiale Wetenskap en U.O.D. aan die Rhodes Universiteit volg, asook lede van die C.S.V. Rhodes, studente van die Opleidingskollege, leerlinge in vorm 4 by D.S.G., std. 2 van V.G.H.S. en van die Oefenskool, St. Clements.

FONDSE

As gevolg van 'n tekort van £928 aan die einde van 1959 word pogings aangewend om fondse in te samel.

Mev. Kerr het op 22 November 'n Lentemark vir plaaslike verenigings georganiseer en die biblioteek-stalletjie het oor die £72 geïn. Die personeel wat by die stalletjie bedien het en hulle vriende asook baie ander dorpsbewoners het ruimskoots bygedra in die vorm van goedere wat vir verkoop aangebied is.

Ons goeie vriend, mnr. Schermbrucker het deur middel van „Die Vuurtoring — Klubtydskrif" 'n beroep gedoen om hydraes waarop lesers en vriende 'n bedrag van £156 17s. aan hom gestuur het.

Ons het £150 van die Rhodes Jool ontvang. Seuns en dogters van die Landdiens-Klub het 'n tjek ten bedrae van £105 13s. 9d. aan een van ons lesers, mev. Merriman, gegee om aan ons te oorhandig. Hierdie geld moet aangewend word vir Engelse en Afrikaanse boeke oor die natuurskoon van Suid-Afrika.

Op versoek van een van ons lesers het mnr. Leslie Green 'n beroep vir fondse gedoen in die Bovril program van die S.A.U.K. wat £87 inbring het.

Ons het verskeie boedelbemakings ontvang, drie waarvan afkomstig van lesers was.

PUBLISITEIT

Mej. Spurling het die Sevenfountains V.L.V. en die Toc H. Vrouevereniging toegesprek terwyl „Women's World" in Kaapstad met haar 'n onderhoud gehad het.

Mev. Goss het 'n praatjie gelewer aan die Vroue-Matigheidsgenootskap.

„Radio Mirror" het 'n onderhoud met mej. Wood gevoer.

Richard Buncher het een oggend om 6.35 'n radiopraatjie in die program „This is South Africa" gelewer.

Die S.A. Nasionale Raad vir Blindes is voornemens om 'n boek uit te gee oor Maatskaplike Werk wat 40 lewensbeskrywings sal insluit van alle persone wat gedurende die laaste 50 jaar tasbaar bygedra het tot die oorsprong en ontwikkeling van enige vertakking van die maatskaplike dienste. Hulle het vir 'n biografie van die sekretaresse van die biblioteek aangevra. Lewensbeskrywings is ook aangevra in die publikasie van „An Encyclopaedia of Blind Welfare Work" wat deur die Nasionale Vereniging vir Blindes in Japan saamgestel word.

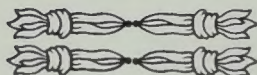
TOEKENNINGS EN SKENKINGS

Ons het toekennings ontvang van die Departement van Onderwys, Kuns en Wetenskap, bystand-toekennings van die verskillende provinsies, van sestion afdelingsrade en van viertwintig munisipaliteite. Elf straatkollekte is gehou. Kimberley was ho aan die lys met £113 9s. 3d. Agt-entwintig biblioteke het die inhoude van hulle bussies aan ons gestuur — die hydraes het o.a. ingesluit:— Pietermaritzburg £15 1s. 4d., Malmesbury £13 14s. 6d. en Bloemfontein £13. Ons het ook toekennings ontvang van die S.A. Nasionale Raad vir Blindes, St. Dunstan's, die Rhodes Jool, en van verskeie verenigings insluitende 'n plaaslike „The Women's League of Help". Die volgende skole het geskenke gestuur:— Johannesburg Hoërskool vir Meisies (Barnato Park), Queenstown Hoërskool vir Meisies (Burt-Huis), Plaaslik van V.G.H.S. (Macdonald-Huis). Die Kapel van St. Andrew's en die opbrengs van die verkoop van rosette wat deur mev. Harvey gemaak is ter nagedagtenis aan

Lollie Mullins, en by die St. Andrew's Kollege se atletiek byeenkoms verkoop is.

Ons is baie dank verskuldig aan al diegene wat ons so mildelik ondersteun het, aan openbare liggame, private skenkers en besondere hulp verleen deur die Standard Bank, die

„Eastern Province Guardian Loan“, mnre. Beaumont en Rice, mnr. A. H. Wagstaff, die Rotariërs, amateur-draadloos-uitsenders, en die poskantoorbeampies wat duisende briewe, boeke en pakette moet hanteer. Ons dank aan die pers veral „Grocott's Daily Mail“ wat so baie vir ons doen.



FUNDS FOR TAPE-BOOKS AND PLAYERS.

It has been suggested by Mrs. J. L. B. Smith of Grahamstown, that friends of the Library might like to give a tape-player and four cassettes, which would be sufficient equipment for one reader. The cost would be about R120 and the name of the donor would be put on the machine. Mrs. Smith has kindly offered to give the first machine.

FONDSE VIR BAND-BOEKE EN BANDSPEEL MASJIENE.

Mev. J. L. B. Smith van Grahamstad meen dat daar waarskynlik vriende van die Braille Biblioteek is wat graag 'n bandmasjien en vier kassette sou wou skenk: dit sal in die behoeftes van een leser voorsien. Die onkoste sal ongeveer R120 beloop; die naam van die skenker sal op die masjien aangebring word. Mev. Smith het goedgunstiglik aangebied om die eerste masjien te skenk.

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